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Application No. 09/890,251

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

Applicant : Yoshio HARADA et al.

Group Art Unit: 1775

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Examiner: Savage

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For: PLASMA PROCESSING CONTAINER INTERNAL MEMBER AND
PRODUCTION METHOD THEREOF

REPLY UNDER 37 C.F.R. 1.116

IN RESPONSE TO FINAL OFFICE ACTION MAILED SEPTEMBER 24, 2003

Commissioner for Patents
P.O. Box 1450
Alexandria, VA 22313-1450

Sir:

This is in response to the Final Office Action mailed September 24, 2003, which sets a three-month shortened statutory period for response until December 24, 2003.

Applicants note that this response is being filed prior to the expiration of the three-month shortened statutory period for response, whereby an extension of time should not be necessary to maintain the pendency of the application. However, if any extensions of time are required to maintain the pendency of this application, including any extensions of time for entry of an Examiner's Amendment, this is an express request for any required extension of time, and authorization for the Commissioner to charge any required fee to Deposit Account No. 19-0089.

Entry of this reply with reconsideration and withdrawal of the rejections of record are respectfully requested.